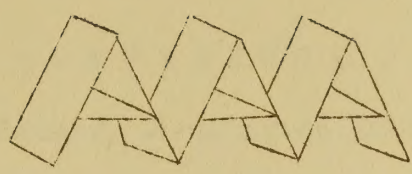
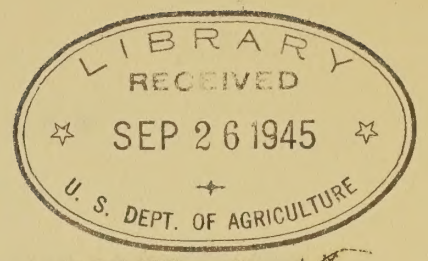


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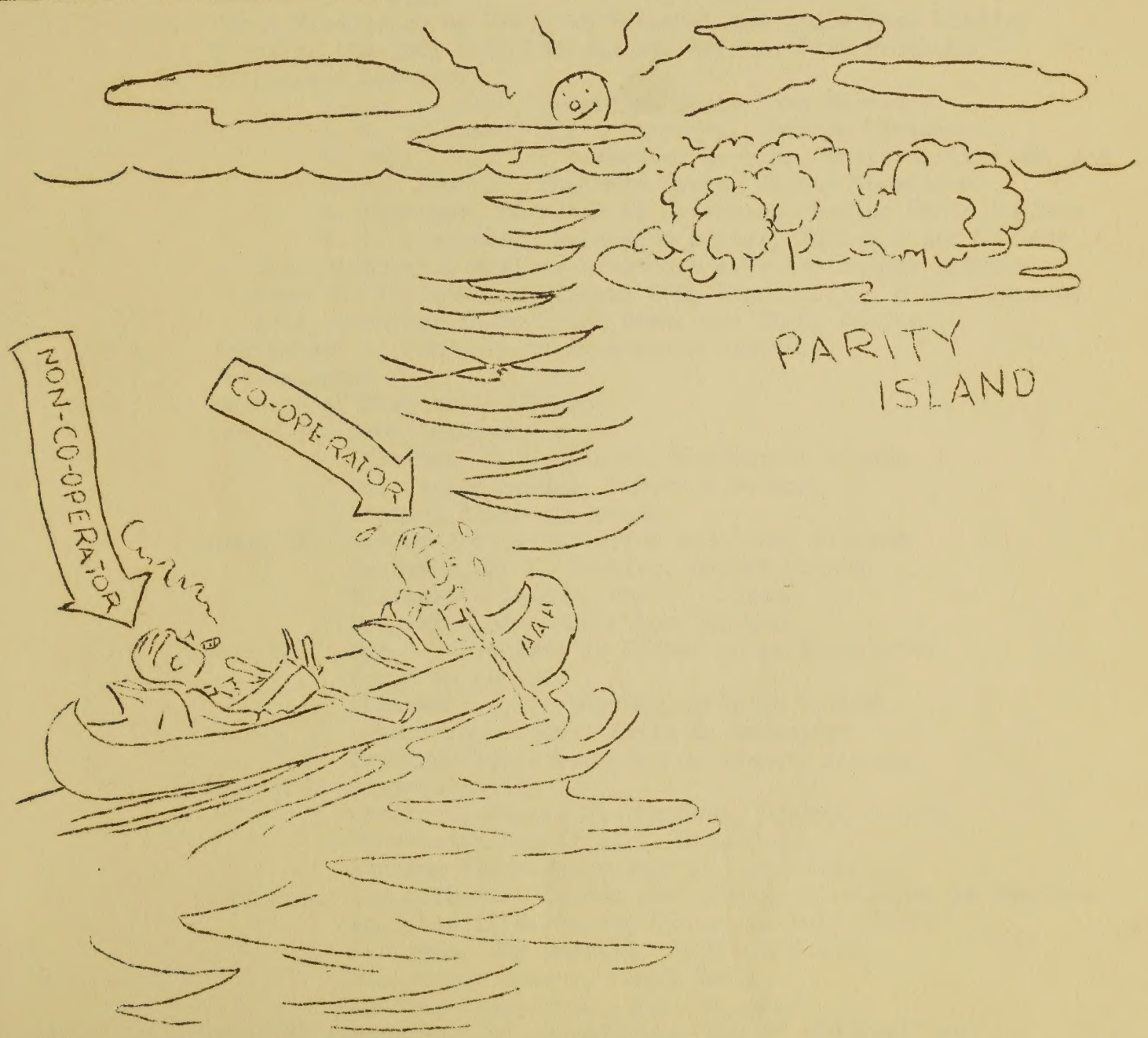
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## T O D A Y ' S   C O N F E R E N C E   P R O G R A M

Chairman, H. Umberger, Director of Extension

- 9:00 a.m.    Schoolhouse Meeting - an open discussion meeting covering the 1941 program by selected leaders
- 11:00 a.m.    General Discussion Covering the 1941 Program
- 12:00 Noon    Lunch

Chairman, A. L. Criger, Member of State Committee

- 1:15 p.m.    Reconvene in Memorial Hall for the Panel Discussion Which Follows at 1:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m.    Panel Discussion by Group of National and State Farm Leaders Covering the 1941 Farm Program and Related Farm Problems
- Discussion Leaders:

Dr. O. O. Wolf, President State Farm Bureau  
 G. F. Geissler, Ass't Director, Western Division  
 Ed Bell, Chief of Marketing Section, Western Division, AAA  
 Herman Praeger, Chairman Barton County Committee  
 H. Umberger, Director of Extension, Kansas State College  
 L. L. Longsdorf, Extension Editor, Kansas State College

This discussion will be broadcast over the Kansas network from the following stations: WHB, Kansas City; KTSW, Emporia; KFBI, Wichita; KVGB, Great Bend; and KSAL, Salina.

- 2:00 p.m.    Assignment of Subjects to Discussion Groups
- 2:15 p.m.    Intermission
- 2:30 p.m.    Meeting of Discussion Groups
- Group I.    Crop Insurance  
             Chairman, A. C. Hansen, Washington County  
             Discussion Leader, Lawrence Norton  
             Meeting Place- On stage
- Group II.    The Commodity Situation and Loans Program  
             Chairman, H. A. Praeger, Barton County  
             Discussion Leader, Roy C. Wilson  
             Meeting Place- Under East Balcony
- Group III.    Special Programs in Operation in Designated Areas in Kansas  
             Chairman, R. E. Dötzbauer, Stanton County  
             Discussion Leader, Keith B. Bisenbury  
             Meeting Place- South End of Second Balcony
- Group IV.    Administration  
             Chairman, Walter J. Trachsel, Sherman County  
             Discussion Leader, A. L. Criger  
             Meeting Place- South End of First Balcony
- Group V.    The Effect of Yields and Acreage Allotments as Now Established if Marketing Quotas Go into Effect  
             Chairman, Roy Russell, Stafford County  
             Discussion Leader, Emmet Womer  
             Meeting Place- Under West Balcony
- Group VI.    Best Ways of Acquainting Farmers and Businessmen with the AAA Program  
             Chairman, R. H. Tucker, Bourbon County  
             Discussion Leaders, W. J. Daly and L. L. Longsdorf  
             Meeting Place- Basement Room under Lobby





(Continuation of Friday's Program)

6:30 p.m. Banquet - Lamer Hotel Dining Room

(Tickets may be secured in the Lobby of the Lamer Hotel)

7:30 p.m. Agriculture's Part in National Defense.....G. S. Geissler,  
Assistant Director  
Western Division

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### ALLEN COUNTY PUTS OUT FIRST NEWSLETTER

So far as we know Allen County is the first county in the state to send out a regular monthly newsletter to all AAA cooperators. Their first issue arrived at the State office recently. It's a dandy. Perhaps delegations from other counties will be interested in asking Allen County about this new project.

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### WE'RE HERE 525 STRONG

From every county in Kansas, county committeemen, county agents, and chief clerks have poured into Salina to attend the first annual AAA State Conference. According to the count at noon yesterday 510 had registered from Kansas along with 15 out of state visitors, making a total of 525 attending our conference.

Reports from all delegations are encouraging. AAA participation is expected to be better than ever in 1941, and they are also reporting crop conditions good, except for some damage to wheat from the November freeze.



GET THAT NON-COOPERATOR





## WELCOME OUT OF STATE VISITORS

We are very glad to welcome to our conference the following visitors from out of the state. We will probably have an opportunity to get well acquainted with them before the conference is over.

G. F. Geissler, Assistant Director, Western Division  
 Ed Bell, Chief of Marketing Section, Western Division  
 Tom Allington, Representative Federal Crop Ins. Corp. Washington, D.C.  
 Don Sabin, Crop Insurance Coordinator, AAA, Washington, D. C.  
 C. E. Carter, Extension Agronomist, Washington, D. C.  
 Kermit Overby, Division of Information, Washington, D. C.  
 John Dexter, Regional Representative, Bozeman, Montana  
 Joe Storm, Ass't Regional Representative, Bozeman, Montana  
 D. B. Bailey, Wool Growers Association, Kansas City, Missouri  
 A. M. Patterson, Wool Growers Association, Kansas City, Missouri  
 R. L. Green, State AAA Committeeman, Nebraksa  
 K. E. Soder, Agricultural Agent, Rock Island, Kansas City, Mo.  
 John Collins,, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri

We'll probably have more visitors to report tomorrow.

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## KANSAS IS A BIG STATE

Although Salina is a fairly well located spot for the conference, a little inquiry from the delegates as to how far they have driven shows how big our state is. Cherokee County reports their speedometer registering 310 miles before they rolled into Salina. Stevens County chalked up 268 miles. It was 232 miles from Doniphan County to Salina. The Cheyenne County group drove 253 miles to get here.

We not only have size, but quality here in Kansas. With all due apologies to Iowa, Kansas has more good farm land than any other state in the union; at least that is true to the best knowledge of this correspondent. We have what it takes to make a great farming state, but it requires more than soil and men to make a profitable, permanent agriculture. The other thing that is needed is organization and that's what we are going to talk about at this conference.

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A VERSE FOR TODAY

There once was a farmer named Grey,  
 Whose land started blowing away.  
 When he asked how to stop it,  
 They told him "Strip crop it."  
 So he did. What he's got now ain't hay. (Or is it?)





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretaries of discussion groups are asked to meet in Room 105, Lamer Hotel at 1:00 p.m. today (Friday). This meeting will be for the purpose of outlining the methods to be used in keeping the minutes of these meetings. It's important.

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All group discussion chairmen are asked to appoint a secretary before noon today and ask this person to meet in Room 105, Lamer Hotel at 1:00 p.m.

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Everyone should report promptly at 1:15 p.m. for the afternoon session Friday because the panel discussion must start exactly at 1:30 p.m. Please remember that this program will be broadcast over the five stations on the Kansas network. This requires that we be prompt and the auditorium must be QUIET.

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## WELCOME TO SALINA

R. H. Lively, first vice-president of the Salina Chamber of Commerce gave the AAA group a very cordial greeting at the opening of the conference yesterday. He said Salina considered it an honor and were looking forward to a very pleasant week end with the AAA committeemon. All delegates are invited to make use of the facilities of the Chamber of Commerce office.

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## WILSON GETS THE CONFERENCE UNDER WAY

Roy C. Wilson of Hiawatha, our state committee chairman got the conference underway following Mr. Lively's address of welcome with the statement that the farm program offers us an opportunity to handle our problems in a democratic way. Right now it looks as if the wheat situation will give us a chance to demonstrate this democracy in action. It is almost certain that we will be called on to vote wheat quotas. The result of this will show just how effective we are when it comes to solving our problems in the democratic way.





## EXHIBITS

The following counties showed up with a fine display of exhibits: Cheyenne, Coffey, Linn, Osborne, Ottawa, Greenwood, McPherson, Scott, and Shawnee. All delegates to the conference should be sure to inspect these displays. They offer some fine examples of how counties can fix up some very attractive and educational window exhibit. Here's an outline of a few of the exhibits. We will have more in tomorrow's news.

Cheyenne

With small cellophane bags partly filled with wheat, Cheyenne County shows that summer fallow carried out under the A. A. A. program has definitely improved wheat yields and stabilized agriculture in that area. They are arranged to show the value of summer fallow in the different years.

The exhibit shows that from 1936 to 1940 the summer fallow wheat has produced an average of 16 bushels to the acre, while continuous cropping has produced only 7.1 bushels per acre.

This data was secured through surveys made by contacting farmers at "sign-up meetings" the same as the procedure followed by all counties in 1940.

The surveys in 1936 and 1937 covered one-half the wheat acreage of the county, in 1938 and 1939, the surveys covered two-thirds of the wheat acreage and in 1940 the surveys covered 95 per cent of the acreage.

The agricultural conservation program has encouraged summer fallow in Cheyenne County, but the farmers in this county are sold on this practice to the extent that 30 per cent more land is being summer fallowed than would be needed to comply with the program. They are not practicing summer fallow just to get the payments.

Coffey

Soil conservation and erosion control feature this exhibit. The display portrays the manner in which Coffey County farmers are keeping their soil from washing away with terraces, contour farming, and cover crops. Why we need lime and phosphate in this section of Kansas is told in another part of the exhibit--and by the way to Coffey County goes the distinction of ordering the first carload of treble phosphate under the conservation materials services program.

Linn

Linn County has resorted to graphs to show the progress that they have made in soil building practices. Columns representing legumes and grasses are especially high. There is a comparison to show the increase in 1940 practices over 1939. A fine set of pictures gives the observer a view of some of the practices that they are carrying out in Linn County.

We'll have a story about the other exhibits tomorrow.





## COUNTY REPORTS

Most of Thursday's sessions were taken up by county reports and recommendations. These reports brought out that fine cooperation existed in the counties with the various agencies. They are cooperating together in "getting the job done." Critical analysis county by county showed that careful attention is being given to all details that will make for more efficient and economical administration of the program.

E. T. Fortune of Neosho County added a bit of humor when he said "Neosho County, sometimes referred to as "The Balkans," is not a commercial corn county, is not in the range territory, is hardly in the wheat program. Neosho County raises everything, including governors and United States senators, but it doesn't look as if we raise anything that fits into this program."

Participation in Neosho County has gone up from 28 per cent in 1936 to 83 per cent in 1940--not bad for "The Feudal Balkans." Perhaps they raise more than they let on.

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